



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Region 2 Headquarters
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April 3, 2015

Dear Interested Citizen:

Enclosed you will find for your review the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposal to resume stocking largemouth bass in Placid Lake in Missoula County, to enhance the existing bass sport fishery. The lake was last stocked in 1950 and has maintained a self-sustaining largemouth bass population since that time; however, year-to-year bass recruitment (consistent production and survival of juvenile fish) has been inconsistent at this lake. The long-term goal is to improve the quality of a non-native sport fishery in order to enhance angler opportunity in an area with limited negative effects to native trout restoration.

This EA may also be obtained by mail from Region 2 FWP, 3201 Spurgin Rd., Missoula 59804; by phoning 406-542-5540; by emailing shrose@mt.gov; or by viewing FWP's Internet website <http://fwp.mt.gov> ("News," then "Public Notices," beginning April 6).

Comments may be made on FWP's website (information above) or may be directed to Sharon Rose at the mail, phone or email addresses above. Comments must be received by FWP no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 5, 2015.

As part of the decision making process under the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), I expect to issue the Decision Notice for this EA soon after the end of the comment period.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Arnold", written in a cursive, flowing style.

Randy Arnold
Regional Supervisor

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